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PATENT APPLICATION

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TIMOTHY MERRICK LONG ) Examiner: Donald Champagne  
Application No.: 09/845,267 ) Group Art Unit: 3622  
Filed: May 1, 2001 )  
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to  
Applicant's undersigned representative during the personal interview conducted on  
February 15, 2007.

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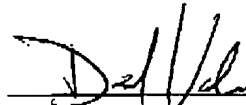
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During the interview, the Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed the claim changes made in the July 25, 2006 Amendment After Final Rejection. The Examiner tentatively indicated that he is inclined to more favorably consider the application in view of these changes.

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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